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## **BLACK MESA FIRE UPDATE**

TUCSON, AZ ( May 3, 2006, 5:00 p.m.) Two more heavy air tankers have been added to the air resources currently fighting the Black Mesa Fire south of Arivaca, Arizona. Due to the extreme drought conditions, the heavy air tankers are essential in the attempt to keep the fire small. The fire is situated in flashy fuels and an effort is being made to contain the fire quickly.

An investigation as to cause of fire revealed that it was caused by two undocumented illegal immigrants. The illegal immigrants had started two fires; one of the fires was a 'warming fire' and the second was to attract help for an injured person.

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